

DE WET GETS AWAY AGAIN.

BRITISH PLAN TO CAPTURE HIS FORCE AT HELIBRON FAILS.

At the Town Surrounding, but a Mistake by the Column to the North Let the Clever Boer General Escape Hard Fighting. Roberts' General Column Fought to Remount.

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Pretoria, Oct. 14. Toward the latter part of September information was received at Krugersdorp that the Boer General would hold a conference with Gen. De Wet at the Orange River Colony on Sept. 26. The British immediately formed a plan to surround and capture him. C. Knox's infantry brigade, Porter's cavalry, Dalrymple's colonials, Helles' mounted infantry and W. Knox's details were ordered to proceed to Helibron and put the plan into execution.

On the first and second days of the march nothing occurred. The troops formed a circle sixty miles in circumference around Helibron, and they were closely watched by Boer patrols, who occasionally fired shots at them. On the third day, as the cavalry approached the town, they were opposed by a large force of Boers who were holding a position on Vecht Kop. The cavalry cleared the hill, and a sharpshooters were poured after the retreating Boers.

In the afternoon of the same day, just as the cavalry were bivouacking, a strong force of Boers, commanded by Gen. De Wet, suddenly made a determined attack on them. Gen. Porter handed his brigade magnificently. He took up such a position that the attack was rendered ineffective, and he compelled the Boers to retire to Helibron. Meanwhile Gen. C. Knox advanced to Paarl de Kraai, Gen. Dalrymple to Eiteng, and Gen. Helles to Klond. Reducing the circumference of the British circle to twenty miles.

The next day the Boers disputed Gen. Porter's advance on Helibron from the southeast. There was heavy fighting but the cavalry were not to be stopped. They took up a position in the grand plain. The British did not move. Finally the 2,000 Boers who were opposing the British and holding the town fled to the northeast, leaving their transport behind.

It was hoped that the Boers would be turned by the northern column, but the latter, unfortunately, mistook the Boers for the British to the Klip River. The scheme of the British therefore failed.

CAPE TOWN, Oct. 14.—A despatch sent from Mafeking today states that the Australian bushmen had an engagement on Friday at Lefortpoort, two miles from Mafeking, with a force of Boers who for a considerable time had been strongly entrenched in the kopjes northeast of Mafeking. The British loss was two wounded. The Boers left seven dead on the field.

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LIVE TOPICS ABOUT TOWN.

Richard Le Gallienne returned last week to New York so much changed in appearance that he would scarcely be recognized by those persons who used to gaze in astonishment at his flowing black locks. They are gone and the English author is now as commonplace in appearance as any of his readers is in every particular. Mr. Le Gallienne has not come back to the United States to repeat the readings in which he was heard here three years ago. He is not intended to repeat in this part of the country. The lecture platform is not to present any new figures from Europe this year excepting Winston Churchill, who is to appear on Monday night. He will lecture on his experiences in South Africa during the war.

Miss Elvira will prepare herself for another engagement here by a long vacation, as it is almost settled that she will not appear at all during the coming season. She has recently left Paris for Egypt and will remain in Cairo until the beginning of the year. Mr. Elvira's plan was to have Miss Elvira and a party return a year from this month and then to spend the winter in Italy. She had planned to create in Paris a new kind of opera. But it did not suit Miss Elvira. She had already decided to return to the United States and she declined in all probability. The Elvira will return next year to the tour with Miss Elvira.

The importance of a chief cook becomes evident when the time for his departure arrives. One day last week the proprietor of a popular restaurant on Fifth avenue decided for reasons of his own to part with the services of a chef who had been with him for many years. The chef retired and with him more than twenty of his assistants. This number included his assistant cooks and every man in the kitchen, including the refrigerator. This exclusive did not surprise the proprietors. The chef had been with them for many years and he was a very good cook. He was a very good cook. He was a very good cook.

A small part of the city near the North River and in about the middle of the town is so markedly English in character that nobody could fail to observe that its pleasures must be intended for visiting Britons rather than for native New Yorkers. There are many English houses, many English clubs and a few restaurants. The English houses are the most conspicuous features of the town. They are the most conspicuous features of the town. They are the most conspicuous features of the town.

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MINE OPERATORS HOLD OFF.

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Terms of Miners' Convention to Be Considered at a Meeting in New York. Objectors Halted to Guaranteeing the 10 Per Cent. Advance Till April 1 and to Arbitration.

SEANTON, Pa., Oct. 14.—The mine operators who could be seen in the city today were very reluctant to discuss the action taken by the miners' convention on Saturday. There is a better chance this evening of an acceptance of the terms of the miners than there was twenty-four hours ago. The principal operators still contend that they have gone as far as they can afford to.

General Superintendent Leones of the Lackawanna road was one of the first men to approach. At first he absolutely declined to discuss the matter in any way. Later he said it was unlikely that the operators would make any concessions, but that the question would be considered at a meeting to be held in New York, perhaps to-morrow, and perhaps not before the expiration of three or four days.

An individual operator, whose name is withheld by request, said that the acceptance of the terms of the miners' convention would force the operators in much the same manner as they were constrained to make the offer of a 10 per cent. advance. "It is scarcely a secret," he said, "that the Philadelphia and Reading Company is expected to make a concession on Wednesday. The operators will probably make a concession next and then the big corporations will have to follow suit. These individual operators, by the way, have a grievance against the big carrying companies. They want some light concessions in transportation rates. They want the increase of pay for workmen. A committee headed by George C. Brooks, E. L. Fuller and T. H. Watkins has just returned from New York where they laid their grievances before the Presidents of the coal and iron companies. 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